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Daily Diary, O/RR, 7 March 1951

D/A: Preparing today a letter for DCI, in collaboration with O/SI and State, on export control of technical data.

Discussed with D/I the initiation of a study on feasibility of preclusive buying of tungsten metal in Stockholm, Vienna, and Zurich.

Compiled evidences of Soviet procurement efforts and submitted to D/I in connection with NIE-25.

Attended meeting of the R Procedure Subcommittee and the Operating Committee of the Department of Commerce: attended Task Force on Ball Bearing Controls.

Studied Proposal for Barter Trade with China.

Prepared Comments on State Department Monthly Economic Reporting Guide, 26 February 1951.

Continued work on Project 2-51.

Attended Meeting at National War College re Joint Logistics Plans Committee of the JCS.

Worked on Tungsten Report in re Quantitative Export Control Study; searched for export figures on acetone from UK, Italy and France to Sovbloc.

Action: AD/RR information.

D/I: Possibility of Congressional Investigation and resulting blame placed upon Secretary of State may result from prolonged negotiations with Italy on Export Controls.

\$1,300,000.00 of US funds were provided the R.I.V. Bearing Company of Italy ostensibly to modernize their plant machinery. R. I. V. claims were made that no additional production would result, as in many cases two old machines would be discarded for one new one.

Actually millions of strategically important anti-friction bearings are shipped by Italy (R.I.V. Bearing Company) to Russia and the rest of the Soviet Orbit annually and no sign of reduction in either quantity nor dollar volume — actually some increase in last two years.

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Italian negotiators continue to hold out for unrestricted shipments, though recent meetings have resulted in slight concessions as to size range. Claim that restrictions on bearing shipments now would result in hardship.

England, France and the United States have reached accord on export controls of bearings and even Sweden has agreed to more restrictive controls than Italy.

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| Action: Will submit for DCI Daily Diary, today, unless advised to contrary by AD/RR. |
| D/B: Meeting with State Department this aftermoon to consider State proposals for revisions to outline guides of Chapters 4, 5, and 6 preparatory to discussion by the NIS Committee. Weekly conference with Board of Geographic Names today. Action: AD/RR information. |
| D/S, D/M, D/R, D/C, S/Ad: Negative. |
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